

thousands of disabled participants of all ages are able to learn these important lessons that will help them be successful both on and off the ice.

# TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act. I'm proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation, voting for it in the Communications, Technology, and the Internet Subcommittee and in the full Energy and Commerce Committee. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for it today.

Today is a historic day. It is the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act, ADA. Twenty years and one day ago, individuals with disabilities did not enjoy the same access to employment, education, or basic services as other Americans. The ADA changed that forever. Our workplaces, schools, buildings, and sidewalks offer safe and fair access for Americans with disabilities, where for too long they had none.

In the 20 years the ADA has been the law of the land, our country has seen significant change. Much of that change has been driven by the high-tech innovators in my Congressional District, the heart of Silicon Valley. In 1990 a supercomputer that would fill a building the size of a warehouse can now fit in the palm of a hand. We can now watch our favorite television shows outside, on an airplane, or in a coffee shop on our computers. Businesses can allow their employees to collaborate face-to-face from offices thousands of miles apart. Communications and video technology have become truly integral aspects of our everyday lives.

Unfortunately, not all Americans have been able to take full advantage of these innovations in technology. By passing the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act today, we will change this.

Working to address the needs of individuals with vision, hearing, and other disabilities by updating communications laws last revised in 1996, the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act makes technology and telecommunications devices and services accessible to everyone.

I commend the author of this legislation, Representative ED MARKEY, for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of the disabilities community. On this historic day, I'm proud to support this legislation that will ensure no one is left behind.

HONORING THE NEW LONDON  
ROTARY CLUB

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in appreciation and support for the New

London, Connecticut Rotary Club's Camp Rotary, a service program showcased at a July 23rd event that I had the opportunity to attend. The event joined together the Connecticut College AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers and students and teachers of New London Public Schools to celebrate the success of Camp Rotary.

The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" exemplifies their strong devotion to community service internationally, and the Rotary Club of New London demonstrates this commitment every day. The New London Rotary Club organizes many service projects annually, including a holiday book drive, a literacy initiative, and a community playground cleanup.

Rotarians have long understood that many young students lose academic momentum over summer vacation. Often, students also practice unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyles over the summer because they lack access to healthy, affordable food and places to exercise.

Camp Rotary, now in its 18th year, provides a valuable opportunity for disadvantaged students of the New London Public School system to enrich their summers through physical activities, educational programs, and college preparation. The school system partners with New London teachers and Connecticut College student volunteers who graciously devote their summers to helping these youth progress.

Camp activities aim to provide an educational and entertaining experience for the 11–15 year olds, but the overarching goal of the program is to put the students on a college path. Many of these young people would be the first in their family to attend college, and Camp Rotary helps them plan for their future by offering tours of universities and goal planning workshops.

The importance of this effort was recently underscored by a report issued by the National College Board finding that the U.S. is now ranked 12th in the industrialized world in college graduation rates. As recently as 1986, the U.S. was ranked first. Camp Rotary aims to solve this problem by awakening interest and motivation in college achievement at the middle school level, which experts agree is the most successful strategy to increase college involvement and completion.

The New London Rotarians understood the need for the Camp Rotary program in the community and successfully and generously established a program to provide more productive summers for hundreds of disadvantaged students. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the valuable opportunity the New London Rotary Club and the Rotary Foundation continues to provide for the youth of New London, and the New London teachers and AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers that help Camp Rotary to succeed.

HONORING JORDAN M. MCCLLOUD

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan M. McCloud. Jordan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citi-

zenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1179, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jordan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jordan has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the World Conservation Award. Jordan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jordan constructed a fire ring and installed erosion prevention measures at New Hope Retreat Center outside of Holt, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jordan M. McCloud for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 458 on H. Res. 1537. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

## CONGRATULATING SPECTRUM HEALTH ON BEING NAMED A TOP HOSPITAL

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Spectrum Health on being named one of the Nation's top ten health care systems. Spectrum has a long-standing reputation as an exceptional health care provider. It is a true benefit and blessing to our community to have world-class health care available locally.

Spectrum Health is now in the company of a very select group of health systems that have demonstrated that they provide better care, save more lives, have fewer medical complications, and make fewer patient safety errors. According to Thomson Reuters, the esteemed national organization presenting this award, Spectrum Health "set the standard for the industry." As a member of The United States House of Representatives serving Grand Rapids and West Michigan, I am delighted to have the opportunity to recognize this health system for its excellence—especially since Spectrum is the only health system in Michigan to receive this honor.

Great recognition brings great appreciation, and I am certain this award will create in our community an increased awareness of the remarkable health care services that Spectrum Health makes available to them through a number of exceptional facilities. I thank Spectrum Health for its steadfast commitment to providing the residents of west Michigan with the finest possible care through the efforts of its physicians and staff.

I am honored to offer my best wishes to Spectrum Health on being named one of the Nation's top ten!

#### HONORING JOSEPH PAUL HOMAN

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Paul Homan. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 312, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a four-year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship to the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joseph has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joseph planted landscaping, painted fire lanes and refurbished the flag pole at Lutheran High School of Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Paul Homan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### SILVETTE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

##### HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Silvette Women's Golf Club of Staten Island on their 75th Anniversary and to recognize this organization as the oldest women's golf club in the State of New York.

On Staten Island in 1935, a group of women came together to form their own golf club. The Silvettes became pioneers in the field of women's golf because they formed the first public women's golf club not associated with a country club. These women played weekly tournaments at the Staten Island-Silver Lake Golf Course and the Latourette Golf Course. Combining the names of the two courses, this group became known as the Silvette Women's Golf Club. The club played their first tournament on May 4, 1938 at the Silver Lake Golf Course.

During the late 1930s and the 1940s, the Silvettes continued to grow as an organization. The Silvettes established an executive board and supported the war effort during World War II by giving out Defense Stamps as prizes. The club has also held many tournaments and events to support various charities.

The Silvettes are very active in Islandwide Golf Tournaments. The Silvettes frequently play against six other women's golf clubs on Staten Island. The club also plays interclub

matches against New Jersey and Brooklyn clubs.

In 1968, as a result of overcrowding at the Silver Lake Golf Course, the Silvettes moved to their current home at the South Shore Country Club in the Huguenot area of Staten Island.

I would like to take this time to give special recognition to two members of the Silvette Women's Golf Club. Helen Sangiorgio, the former club president and current publicity chairlady, and Elissa Barry, the current club president, have worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the club continues to grow and prosper. The dedication of these women to the club is representative of their love for the game of golf and for their love of Staten Island.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Silvette Women's Golf Club on their 75th Anniversary and on the distinction of being the oldest women's golf club in the State of New York.

#### THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR: WHY PEACE MATTERS

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and the fifty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the July 1953 Armistice Agreement. The Korean War cost the lives of over 4 million people and a lasting peace remains elusive. The people on the Korean peninsula continue to suffer as they are caught in the midst of a perpetual state of war and heightened tension. Families are divided and they are left voiceless.

The recent sinking of the Republic of Korea Ship (ROKS) *Cheonan* in May and the subsequent announcement that North Korea was severing all relations with South Korea is a symptom of a failed policy in the region. It highlights the need for a permanent peace settlement and for diplomatic efforts to bring North and South Korea to such a settlement.

Following the sinking of the ROKS *Cheonan*, officials in the Administration vowed that the attack would not go unanswered. After 60 years, the United States has failed to establish formal diplomatic channels with North Korea that would be vital in diffusing such crises.

The United States spends over one billion dollars per year to maintain its military presence in South Korea. At a time when millions of Americans are out of work and are struggling to pay their bills, one billion dollars per year is needlessly poured into further militarizing the Korean peninsula. There are debates in Washington over how we are going to pay for unemployment benefits. Yet no one asks how we are going to pay to maintain hundreds of U.S. military bases around the world. No one questions the costs to U.S. taxpayers or the Korean people.

I believe strongly in the power and necessity of diplomacy. The United States has a responsibility to utilize its unique role as an ally of South Korea to bring the nation closer to resolution with North Korea.

The Administration can better express support for the people of the Republic of Korea by recommitting to promoting dialogue between the two nations. The expression of support for a possible military response to North Korea's actions can only serve to heighten the likelihood of a military confrontation. Military action in retaliation to North Korea's attack on the South Korean ship can only result in the further loss of life.

Further militarization in the region can have adverse effects on U.S. national security and our support of a military response to North Korea can only undermine future prospects of peace. Further isolating North Korea from South Korea and the international community does not serve the interest of any country truly dedicated to regional stability. Let us use this somber anniversary to work toward peace and facilitate a lasting peace settlement between North and South Korea.

#### HONORING KEVIN HADLEY

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Hadley. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges and contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, but also earned the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Hadley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### CONGRATULATING STATE POLICE MAJOR J.R. HANKINS

##### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Arkansas State Police Major J.R. Hankins for his promotion to the rank of major by the Arkansas State Police Commission.

Having served in several capacities for the Arkansas State Police, in areas all over the state for more than 30 years, Major Hankins has dedicated and sacrificed his life to make Arkansas safer.

Most recently, Major Hankins served as commander of Troop J headquartered in Clarksville. Earning the promotion of major earlier this year, he has taken on new duties as commander of the Highway Patrol Division for the eastern region of Arkansas. This region includes cities such as Little Rock, Jonesboro, Newport, Forrest City, Pine Bluff and Warren.